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I am against the proposed settlement of the DOJ suit against Microsoft.

Although Microsoft claims that they have innovated, those of us more intimately aware of the truth are not fooled. In fact, they have squashed far more innovative competitors with the kind of illegal actions of which they have been found guilty. Even worse, they have lowered accepted standards of reliability greatly, with the result being tremendous loss of productivity internationally as their operating systems crash and are compromised by numerous viruses.

Any settlement needs to prevent Microsoft from continuing on this path of anti-competitive behavior. The proposed settlement seems far too weak to accomplish this necessary goal.

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